

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes, November 6, 2019

Members present: Art Quintana, Susan Alling, Sara Beery, Jack Belchinsky, Jeannine Tarrant

Excused: Wilma Cocannouer, Juana Mendoza

Guests: Michele Waite; City Council Liaison Marcia Martin; Daryl Nielsen

Jeannine called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Susan moved; Jack seconded that the October 2 minutes be approved. **Passed.**

OLD BUSINESS (agenda no. V)

- a. After interviews, an applicant has been selected for the Recreation Program Supervisor position. Pending a CBI security check, they should begin work November 26. The city has approved adding a third resource specialist position; recruiting will start in December; bilingual ability is preferred. Jeanine mentioned that her sister, a psychologist, is moving here soon, and is looking for leads for volunteer opportunities.
- b. Members are encouraged to attend the Nov. 18 Age Well Summit (by invitation only); Michele is inviting many city staff individuals to attend.
- c. After our Dec. meeting we would like to socialize with retiring board members. Sara moved; Jack seconded that we stay for lunch together after the meeting; Meals on Wheels will be asked to provide the meal. **Passed.**

NEW BUSINESS (agenda VI)

- a. Jeanine and Sara staffed a Senior Center table at the Hover resource fair; it was located in the Assisted Living building and most attendees live there. While it was a nice socialization activity for the residents, it was not a good marketing activity for the Senior Center because of low attendance.
- b. Friends are currently planning their 2020 budget and Michele requested ideas for budget items to meet Senior Center needs. The Board's suggestions included: (1) support for seniors' transportation needs, both availability and cost; Jeanine will raise this issue with city planners and ask they take into account anticipated increases in population over age 85;

(2) chairs with better lumbar support for public events; (3) continued improvements to the HVAC system; (4) new improved trash receptacles with better signage about where to put recycled matter, compost, or trash; (5) support for a bond issue - funded city therapy pool to replace the one closing at LU Hospital; (6) increased scholarship funds. The Friends budget will be submitted for approval by a vote of all 2019 donor-members attending the January annual meeting.

- c. Members are asked to volunteer as greeters for the Dec. 6 and 7 Holiday Home Tour (MOW fundraiser); attendees will come to the Center for refreshments between 10 a.m. and noon; greeters will welcome them to the center, hand out GO copies and publicize our services.
- d. In the spring 2020 GO we will describe the Census process, encourage residents to answer questionnaires, and discuss persons' privacy concerns.
- e. Staff will update the Senior Center addendum to rules regarding use of city facilities, adding procedure to recoup from renters the cost of dealing with trash left behind (increased security deposits, minimum fines, etc.) Susan moved, Art seconded, that we approve this addition. **Passed.**
- f. Susan moved Jack seconded, that Sara be designated for a new term as our representative to the AAC, with Jeanine as the non-voting alternate. **Passed.**

REPORTS

- a. Michele: the staff has stepped up to do extra work because of recent vacancies; the Board expressed appreciation for their efforts.
- b. Jeanine expressed appreciation for Marcia's work as our Council liaison and our hope that she continues in that role.
- c. The AAC will meet at our Center on Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to noon, and we are invited to attend. Michele will present on the current status of our programs.
- d. Art recommends that the Senior Center seek an invitation to present to the Boulder County Latino Coalition about our programs. The city's Day of the Dead celebration was a great success. Veronica's efforts with the community committee were recognized.
- e. Susan has recruited 3 persons to apply for appointment to this Board.
- f. Members are encouraged to apply to be on the Climate Emergency working group for Engage Longmont.

Adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Submitted by Sara Beery